

Read and Seed: Basil Seed Bookmarks

To germinate the seeds, put potting soil or starting mix into a flat, tray, pot or in a cardboard egg carton. If you have compost, mix in no more than 1/4 of your soil. Fill the container with soil, so that air can flow over the top of the soil. Thinly sow the basil seeds over the surface, no more than 5-6 seeds per pot (or 1 or 2 seeds per egg carton or flat) and barely cover with soil. Moisten the seeds with warm water and set in a warm, bright place, such as a windowsill. If your location is cooler, place a piece of plastic wrap loosely over the surface. Water gently but regularly, it is very important to neither overwater nor let the soil dry out. Rotate the seedlings regularly so they do not grow in one direction. When the seedlings have grown to 3-4 inches in height, pinch off the topmost leaves to encourage the plant to create lateral roots. At this time, the plant can be moved to its intended location either outside or to a sunny windowsill. Transplant carefully, making sure not to damage the roots.



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